

(b) whether Government propose to start at Shatabdi/Janshatabdi train for Rudrapur, Uttaranchal in the morning hours from Delhi on the pattern of Dehradun Shatabdi to facilitate a large number of industries and residents in the area;

(c) whether an additional train can be started on this route from Delhi in the morning hours, so as, people can return the same day as this additional train is going to be profitable on the lines with the present train;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) 5035/5036 Uttaranchal Sampark Kranti Express undergoes primary maintenance at Kathgodam. The trains could be rescheduled if the primary maintenance is done at Delhi, but due to non-availability of suitable maintenance time slots at Delhi, the rescheduling is not feasible.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Due to operational and resource constraints and lack of round the year traffic justification.

Train halt at Doiwala

2698. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the immense problems being faced by a large number of residents around the Doiwala area of Dehradun due to non-availability of halt facility at Doiwala railway station of the Dehradun Shatabdi and Dehradun-Delhi-Janshatabdi;

(b) whether Government propose to have at least five minute halt at Doiwala for these trains, so as, to provide relief to a large number of residents of Athurwala, Bhanewala, Raiwala including critically ill patients for the hospital at Jollygrant;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Doiwala is a roadside station situated on the Dehradun-Haridwar section of Northern Railway. At present, 4 pairs of Mail/Express and 2 pairs of passenger trains are stopping at Doiwala which are considered sufficient for the passengers of that area. Both Shatabdi and Janshatabdi are two fast intercity Express trains connecting New Delhi with Dehradun, which have been provided very limited stoppages *en route*. Provision of any additional stoppage at Doiwala will slow down these trains which will be resented by the passengers of these popular services. At present, there is no proposal to provide stoppage to these trains at Doiwala.

Demonstration for rail facilities

2699. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state: .

(a) whether the public, trade unions and others of Jaleswar railway station in Orissa have demonstrated for restoration of certain rail facilities relating to stoppage/extension of trains, induction of new trains, etc., to meet with their long standing demands;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the time-frame within which these facilities would be considered and restored;

(c) whether it is proposed to construct a rail line between Jaleswar and Digha; and

(d) if so, the status thereof indicating the time-frame within which it would be taken up and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A rail roko agitation was organized on 29.08.2005 by the member of Jaleswar Merchant's Association in support of their demands for stoppage of trains and introduction of trains etc.

The list of demands are as under:—

(1) Stoppages of 2815/2816 New Delhi-Puri Express, 2863/2864 Howrah-